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## PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM

The President on 18 September 1972 addressed the International Narcotics Control Conference about the global drug problem. His remarks about the Agency's role in the narcotics control program were very complimentary and are quoted below for the information of all employees:

"The men and women who operate the global heroin trade are a menace not to Americans alone, but to all mankind. These people are literally the slave traders of our time. They are traffickers in living death. They must be hunted to the end of the earth. They must be left no base in any nation for their operation. They must be permitted not a single hiding place or refuge from justice anywhere in the world and that is why we have established an aggressive international narcotics control program in cooperation with the governments in more than 50 countries around the world. That is why I have ordered the Central Intelligence Agency, early in this Administration, to mobilize its full resources to fight the international drug trade, a task, incidentally, in which it has performed superbly.

Let me interject here a word for that much maligned agency. As I have often said, in the field of intelligence we always find that the failures are those that are publicized. Its successes, by definition, must always be secret and in this area there are many successes and particularly ones for which this agency can be very proud.

The key priority here is the target on the traffickers wherever they are, to immobilize and destroy them through our law enforcement and intelligence efforts and I commend all of you on the fine initial progress which has been made in these programs."

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